going abroad for further studies. No statistical data with regard to the Indian students going abroad for higher studies is, however, maintained by the UGC.

Arunachal University

2002. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for conversion of Arunachal University into a Central University;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In consonance with the provisions of the National Policy of Education, 1986, Central Government is not in favour of converting existing State universities into Central universities The Government has decided to strengthen the University alongwith other State universities of the North Eastern Region.

Admissions of SC/ST in IITs

2003. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state·

(a) the number of admission of SC, ST and other candidates in the Indian Institute of Technology, year-wise, during the last three years;

(b) whether admission of SC, ST candidates has been very low as against the reservation of 15 per cent and 7 5 per cent, respectively,

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(c) what policy measures are being taken by Government to ensure admission of SC/ST as per the reservation policy and since when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Uttar Pradesh

†2004 SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Uttar Pradesh for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the year 2003-04;

(b) the amount allocated for primary education and mid-day meal during the above period, and

(c) the number of the students benefited thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) During 2003-04, an amount of Rs. 105884 28 lakh was approved for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), in the State of Uttar Pradesh

(b) Under the Mid-day Meal (MDM) programme, funds are not allocated to States/UTs, however, Rs 201,90,20,591/- were reimbursed to the Food Corporation of India for cost of foodgrains supplied in Uttar Pradesh during 2003-04, and Rs. 20,06,95,692/- were reimbursed to the Government of Uttar Pradesh towards transportation charges of food-grains.

(c) 1,63,74,892 children have benefited in the State of Uttar Pradesh from the MDM programme during 2003-04

Madarsas under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2005 SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bring madarsas under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for the purposes of funding them from the Abhiyan funds;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.